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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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CIA Member, WSSIC

SUBJECT : Participation of ACDA in WSSIC

I raised subject with DDCI following our conversation of 30 September. He states that he does not believe in ACDA membership in the WSSIC. However, he recommends that the Committee be "more than forward-leaning" in inviting ACDA to sit as observers when agendas relate to ACDA concerns. He mentioned that [redacted] and STIC have worked things out well along this line and suggests that you "take a leaf from the STIC book." Please let me know if this guidance is sufficient.

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SUBJECT : Proposed Participation of ACDA in WSSIC

1. When it meets on 5 October, the WSSIC will discuss the question of whether a representative from ACDA should participate in its deliberations. ACDA has petitioned for membership on WSSIC, on the grounds that it is not getting proper support from the Department of State. Its people claim that they are unaware of what the Intelligence Community is doing in the disarmament field, what we are discussing, what studies we have in progress, etc. The fact that ACDA does not have its own intelligence component apparently rankles Dr. Ikle personally.

2. The WSSIC has directed its members to solicit the opinions of their principals on this question. I talked with the CIA WSSIC representative, [] of OWI, who recommends that you instruct him to cast a negative vote. He argues that if ACDA becomes a WSSIC member, the door is opened to JCS, NORAD, and other non-Intelligence Community members. He thinks it could be damaging if consumers such as these are in attendance when members of the Intelligence Community are thrashing out points of disagreement -- that the sometimes brutal frankness which characterizes such sessions could be dangerously diluted. Moreover, he believes that ACDA would try to use membership in the WSSIC to secure additional independence from State. (There is a State INR officer on the WSSIC at present). [] has not polled other WSSIC members, but he is informally aware that the DIA representative is also strongly opposed to ACDA membership, and for generally the same reasons.

3. Please let me know how to instruct _____ on this issue.

I do not believe
in ACDA membership
but I believe WSSIC
should be more than
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when agendas relate to ACDA concerns.
I think we should
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take a page
from STIC